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Quiz self on STDs

By Dodie Miller
Chief Reporter

Maybe you think you know all there is to keep yourself free from sexually transmitted diseases, but more likely than not, you don't. More than eight million people under the age of 25 have an STD. It is during those years that most people are very sexually active. Therefore it is very important that the facts are presented to keep young adults from contracting and spreading sexually transmitted diseases.

"Each new generation needs to hear the information again because that age group always feel invulnerable," said Sharon Broom, public relations director for the American Social Health Associations (ASHA).

So, have there been any noticeable changes in the number of cases since the hotline's inception? According to Broom, the numbers of cases continually fluctuate. However, people are still searching for knowledge on this subject as the amount of calls has risen steadily since its beginning in 1979.

Some might ask, "Why do we even need these hotlines? Why can't people just talk to their doctors?" For some it is not easy being face-to-face with a medical professional. That is when these hotlines become helpful.

"Hotlines are terribly important because of the sensitive subject matter. People are very embarrassed to talk to someone in person. The hotline offers them anonymity," said Broom.

You are invited to take the following quiz, and decide if you need to call the National STD Hotline at (800) 227-8922. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

1. I can't get a sexually transmitted disease if I don't have intercourse (penetration).

2. All types of birth control will protect me from STDs.

3. The most common STD on college campuses is human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes genital warts.

4. AIDS is not a problem on college campuses.

5. Viral STDs (like genital warts and herpes) cannot be cured.

6. Condoms provide 100 percent protection from HPV.

7. All STDs have symptoms.

8. If I get an STD, I will never be able to have sex again–ever.

9. Women are at greater risk than men for STDs.

10. You can only have one STD at a time.

ANSWERS:

1. Fiction.
2. Fiction.
3. Fact.
4. Fiction.
5. Fact.
6. Fiction.
7. Fiction.
8. Fiction.
9. Fact.
10. Fiction.

Scoring: Give yourself 10 points for each correct answer. If your score was 90 percent or higher, congratulations, you're informed, knowledgeable and taking control of your sexual health. If your score was under 90 percent, you may want to call the national STD Hotline (800) 227-8922 or see a medical professional.

STDs . . . very unattractive

By Dodie Miller
Chief Reporter

The facts are in: college students are more likely to acquire a sexually transmitted disease. Why? Because they are more likely to have multiple partners, engage in promiscuous behavior, fail to use any form of contraception and engage in activities with partners who are also usually at risk.

The increased prevalence of STDs on college campuses can also be attributed to the misinformation that young adults tend to circulate among themselves.

"Young people who call the hotline frequently have misconceptions about how STDs are spread," says Marshall Glover, director of the National STD Hotline.

Calls received by the hotline are typical of the attitudes most at risk people have. Here are some examples of comments heard:

* I won't contract an STD. This demonstrates an attitude of invulnerability, which enables a large number of young adults to hide from the facts. According to American Social Health Association statistics, two-thirds of new sexually transmitted disease infections occur in people under 25.

* You won't contract an STD if you are on the Pill. Correction: you may not become pregnant if you're on the Pill. Hormonal forms of contraceptives do nothing to protect a woman from STDs. Neither do birth control implants or injections.

* You can tell by looking at someone whether or not they have any STDs. Not true. People who are clean and well-dressed contract diseases too.

* Neither my partner nor I have STD symptoms, so we do not have to worry. Think again. Often, STDs have no noticeable symptoms. Chlamydia, for example, can be present without noticeable symptoms in about 85 percent of female cases and 40 percent of male cases.

The only way individuals can learn if they have a disease is to get tested.

Before anyone thinks that any form of sex is safer than another, that is not correct either. Even oral and anal sex require the consistent and proper use of a condom if they are to be considered somewhat safe.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases are not easy to get rid of as so many people tend to think. Many STDs have no visible signs and often a person can carry an STD without knowing for years.

Photo by Grant Gerardot, Photo Editor

Amorous feelings abound on campus, but is it safe?

Ivins launches series

By Stephanie Fries
Staff Reporter

The IPFW Omnibus Lecture Series gets off to a running start on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Walb Ballroom. Leading off the series is Molly Ivins with her presentation "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" named after one of her two best-selling books. Her other book is "Nothing but Good Times Ahead."

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Ivins earned her B.A. from Smith College. She then received her Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. After Columbia she studied for a year in Paris at the Institute of Political Science.

Her journalism career began at the Houston Chronicle in the complaint department. From there she went on to work at the Minneapolis Tribune, the Texas Observer and the New York Times. She was then named the bureau chief at the Rocky Mountain Bureau. In 1982 she returned to Texas.

Her work is now featured in a nationally syndicated column for the Fort Worth Star Telegram with freelance work appearing in Esquire, the Atlantic, TV Guide and numerous other publications.

Molly Ivins

"Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She" will be the main focus of her presentation here at IPFW.

Sponsored by the English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation the Omnibus Lecture is free and open to the public. The Molly Ivins presentation is cosponsored by WBNI radio and The Journal Gazette.

Upcoming speakers for the Omnibus Lecture Series include:

Friday, October 3, 1997
Edward James Olmos

Monday, November 10, 1997
Joy Harjo

Thursday, February 19, 1998
Douglas Wilder

Monday, March 23, 1998
Phyllis Schlafly and Sarah Weddington

Monday, April 6, 1998
Jean-Michel Cousteau

All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the Walb Ballroom.

Briefly . . . the news

Campus

The bombs are back

The bomb threats are back at IPFW. Last Monday a bomb threat was called into Kettler Hall at 10:20 a.m. As usual, the sirens were armed and the building was evacuated while a search was done of the area for any explosive devices.

The search did not turn up any evidence of a bomb. Classes, students and faculty were allowed to return at 11:30 a.m.

"It's early for this," said Lt. Thomas Haner of campus police. "There were no tests scheduled. There could have been quizzes. We don't receive that information."

The peak time for bomb threats on campus is at mid-terms and finals week and all of the tests are re-scheduled. Most of the threats are centered on Kettler Hall, although other buildings have at times been involved.

Community

Ostrich fowls police

Last Sunday night the Allen County Police Department received numerous calls concerning an 8-foot-tall bird. Apparently, an ostrich was roaming the area around Winchester and Dunkelberg roads and had created a few scares with the residents.

The ostrich was spotted wandering the countryside, moving in and out of farmer's fields. A few volunteers combed the area without turning up the large bird. When they came in range of the ostrich it would dash off. Although an ostrich can not fly, it is an excellent runner with strong legs and dangerous claws.

Allen County Police are unsure who the bird belongs to, but it is legal to own and raise an ostrich. If you spot the bird or know who owns it contact the Allen County Police non-emergency line at 449-3000.

National

Mother Teresa dies

Another humanitarian has died this past week. On Friday night Mother Teresa died of a heart attack and she will be buried a week to the day of Princess Diana's funeral.

Mother Teresa's burial ceremony will be opened to the public and will be held in the 10,000-seat stadium where Pope John Paul II addressed followers in a 1986 visit to India.

Mother Teresa had suffered heart ailments and other problems for some time and last March she had given up leadership of her order.

Mother Teresa had been known to say that she could see God in every suffering human being. She began her charity work with just a couple other volunteers five decades ago and now her order has more than 4,000 nuns and runs 517 orphanages, homes for the poor, AIDS hospices and other charities around the world.

Staff Editorial

People in glass houses should not throw stones

Recently, seven members of IPFW's faculty and School of Education conducted research for a study on all Fort Wayne Community middle schools. The study found discrepancies in the distribution of grades and treatment of minority students, primarily African-American and Hispanic children. Why is this important for IPFW? Although IPFW was originally asked to work on this study, it is ironic for IPFW to present this type of information without having any kind of substantial weight in regards to the number of minority faculty and students on campus.

How is it possible, in any case, for this team to recognize unfair treatment of minorities? It is obvious that they have rarely had the opportunity to communicate with minority faculty since there are very few here and only one minority was on the team of seven.

It is wrong for IPFW to be an authority on treatment of minorities in the community when the campus itself is a vacuum of silence in terms of diversity. We don't care if this is a commuter campus. We believe many kinds of people from the community should be allowed an opportunity to become involved. Only then, may we have the authority to celebrate the highest standards of diversity.

We believe in order for true diversity to exist on campus there must be a greater representation of African-American and Latino faculty members and unfortunately there are not enough faculty members here now. We believe as long as IPFW refuses to address this shortage problem, future students will continue to be deprived of a realistic college education.

There is a graduating senior on the Communicator staff who has had no minority instructors. Why?

The study presents interesting if not terrifying results in terms of grade distribution.

The July study states, "These data illustrate that in ten of the eleven middle schools in the FWCS, African-American and Hispanic males received a greater percentage of two or more failing grades than their white counterparts."

Based on the results of the study, we think it is appropriate to fear similar circumstances exist at IPFW. Although the study deals with area middle schools IPFW could be at risk regarding the treatment of minority students by a predominantly "white bred" faculty.

But how do you think minorities fare here? Is there a difference? Most would like to believe there is not. It is not fair for blacks or Latino students at IPFW to be anxious about receiving grades from mostly Caucasian professors.

Studies of this magnitude have NOT been implemented recently on this "white bred" campus. So, we as students are left floating in space, unaware of where we will land. In addition, for IPFW to recognize and document events of inequalities and bias in middle schools without first acknowledging its own inadequacies in failing to recruit minority faculty is embarrassing to say the least.

We believe it is ridiculous for IPFW to point out other racial problems in other schools while the issue is never unearthed at our campus.

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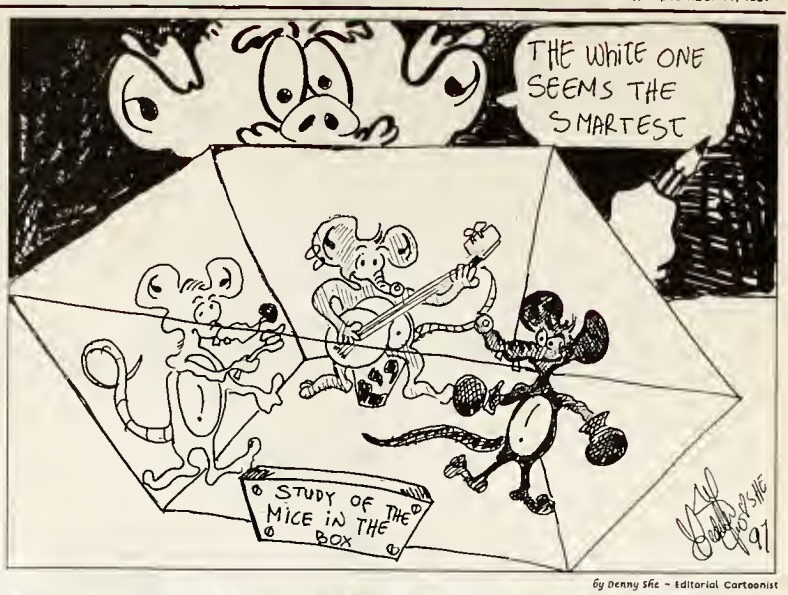

By Denny She ~ Editorial Cartoonist

Commentary

What's a life worth?

Knowing the hour: *Amanda McAbee*

Every life has the same value or is supposed to have the same value, but this meaning gets lost with all the hype and unnecessary attention that individuals receive. When I say certain individuals, I am talking about celebrities. I know everyone is probably tired of hearing about the death of Princess Diana, but this is very relevant to what I have to say.

On August 16, 1997, my 29-year-old cousin was out hiking with some of his friends in Tacoma, Wash., when all of a sudden, he collapsed on the trail. They revived him and air-lifted him to the hospital. When he arrived, they put him on life support and did a brain scan, which revealed no brain activity whatsoever. He had suffered a brain aneurysm. This meant that one of his brain's artery walls had weakened so much that it exploded. This condition is very rare and seldom detected. When this happens, the chances of survival are slim to none.

You are probably wondering why I just told you all that and there is a very good reason. My cousin's life was, and is, just as important as any other. Yet his death did not receive the attention that Princess Diana's did. I understand she was very well known, liked and respected, but so was my cousin. No one made a big ruckus when he died, so many people would have been very happy to have known him, but they did not. That is no one's fault, but destiny. Someone I knew cried when they heard of Princess Diana's death. Yes, I felt bad, especially for her children, but I did not cry because I did not know her.

Every day many people die and no one notices. What makes me upset is the fact that if a person happens to be famous or well-known, it somehow becomes a bigger tragedy. That is ridiculous. Not only do these famous people live their lives in the spotlight, but they die in the spotlight. It seems to me that their families would like to be able to grieve the same way everybody else does, instead of having to watch what they say and how they express their feelings.

Yet the population of the entire world cannot seem to understand that just because they were well-known does not make them better than anyone else. It upsets me so much to know that my cousin, who died so suddenly, can be overlooked. He was cut down in his prime. It may have been his time to go, but we will never really know that.

O. J. Simpson is another famous person who had to deal with a very difficult situation in the public eye. Everyday people are killed by other people. Not a very nice thought, but it happens. People accused of killing someone stand trial for their crime just as everyone should, no matter who they are. I fail to see how Simpson's trial was anything but fair and just. I am not saying that he committed the crime, because only he knows that. What I am saying is that, once again, someone famous had something happen to him that happens to many people. For some reason, his situation was broadcast all over the media for a year and is still talked about. What makes him so special that he deserves so much attention for something that has happened before and will likely happen again?

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The JonBenet Ramsey case is not any different from any other child murder. What makes this "different" is she was a beauty queen. Well, so what! Many children are kidnapped or killed every year, yet their deaths go unnoticed by the masses. These children are just as special and important as JonBenet.

There is hope for us. President Clinton will stand trial while still in office. Even though he is the President of the United States, he is still human and responsible for his actions. He should not be exempt from anything a normal, everyday person is not. His trial should be conducted just the same as it would for anybody else, yet I know this will not happen. At least it is a start.

The whole point to my rambling is to show that just because some people are famous, it does not mean we should treat them differently from anyone else. My cousin's death was very sudden and hard to accept, just as Princess Diana's, but she is no different from him. He left behind a wife and family that loved him very much and will miss him greatly.

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Chelsea's excuses

Educated Blond: *Dawn Snarr*

Top 10 excuses why Chelsea Clinton did not turn in her first homework assignment at Stanford

10. She left it in the trunk of Air Force One.
9. Socks mistook it as kitty litter.
8. Gore wrote his vice-presidential impeachment speech on it.
7. Chelsea auctioned it off, along with Mom's underwear for tax write-offs.
6. Janet Reno Xeroxed it for applications to hire a special prosecutor.
5. A White House maid confiscated it from the Lincoln bedroom and turned it into Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.
4. Chelsea sold it to classmates as a Democratic fund raising project.
3. Hillary accidentally put it through her paper shredder.
2. It's under investigation by the Republicans for illegal contributions from foreign friends.
1. Bill had to make a line item veto on it.

Letters Policy-

The Communicator welcomes letters to the editor. The deadline for submission is the Monday before the issue in which the letter is to appear. Letters should be signed, dated and accompanied by an address and phone number. Letters will not be published without this information. Names will be withheld only for extraordinary reasons. Addresses and phone numbers will never be published.

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Pianist George Winston to perform in Fort Wayne this October

By Gail Ruble Crawford
Features Editor

Solo pianist George Winston will perform his Winter Show at the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

This concert will feature songs from Winston's latest release, Linus & Lucy— The Music of Vince Guaraldi, as well as melodic folk pieces from his seasonal solo piano recordings, stride piano and New Orleans R&B piano. Linus & Lucy, released in September 1996, was recently certified Gold and has reached #55 on the Billboard 200 pop chart

The release features compositions by the late jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi, including "Cast Your Fate to the Wind," "Peanuts," "Peppermint Patty," "You're in Love, Charlie Brown" and others. Linus & Lucy— The Music of Vince Guaraldi offers listeners the opportunity to hear George's interpretations of a variety of Guaraldi's "Peanuts" music.

Winston is best known as the man who gives melody to much of the Peanuts animation, including the classic, "This Is America, Charlie Brown— The Birth of the Constitution (1988)." He has also done the solo piano soundtracks for The Velveteen Rabbit (1984) and Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes (1995).

Winston has released six solo piano albums, which include, Ballads and Blues (1972, reissued on compact disc), Autumn (1980), Winter into Spring (1982), December (1982) and Summer (1991). His 1994 release, Forest, was a Grammy award-winner

Slack key guitar is another of Winston's musical proficiencies. Slack key is the term given for the fingerpicked guitar unique to Hawaii Dancing Cat Records has created an album entitled Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Masters Instrumental Collection, which Winston produced and also plays on

Winter Show will be at the Performing Arts Center in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

A food drive to benefit Community Harvest Food Bank will be held prior to the performance. Please bring non-perishable food donations to the show in support of Community Harvest Food Bank

Reserved tickets are $15.50 ($13.50 for students with ID) and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone: (219) 424-1811.

photo by Jay Blakesberg

Musing on Music

By Dodie Miller
Chief Reporter

I was wondering if anyone besides me has noticed the plethora of bad music that we, the suffering general public, has available to us?

Now, my opinion may not agree with yours, but that's okay. The point of all this is that I recently listened to some CDs at Blockbuster Music on Coliseum Boulevard. I think that this batch is fairly eclectic, but I had varying opinions on all of them. The retail prices are listed in case you don't listen to me and buy the ones you shouldn't. Just kidding.

Hanson — "middle of nowhere" $12.99

This would really be something to own if I was about ten years younger. I hate it when teen stars don't remember that they are kids. In one song, these kids actually sing about being called another guy's name while in the throes of adolescent passion ("Speechless"). It happens to be one of the best songs on the disc, besides the catchy, "MMMbop." "Speechless" has a raw, seventies edge that I would not have thought these guys were capable of if I had not heard it for myself

Many of the 11 songs have the singer sounding like something is caught in his throat; especially the love songs, "Thinking of You" and "Lucy" It is very hard to take someone seriously when he sounds like a cross between the young Michael Jackson and the Partridge Family.

This disc wouldn't be complete without the played-out teen theme of having someone there for you songs such as "I Will Come to You" and "Yearbook"

I must say that I didn't hate it, I just couldn't see myself yearning to hear any of it. I will have to give them a few years.

Cowboy Mouth — "Are You With Me" $11.99

I loved this! Rage against the world, mosh-pit anthem "Jenny Says" was my favorite, as well as "How do You Tell Someone"— lovely, odd lyrics. I couldn't have expressed things better myself— "hurting makes me tired." It's a cool song about a couple that have outgrown each other. I usually don't care for that topic but the blend of poignant words and excellent guitar work make this song work.

And before anyone writes "The Mouth" (as they call themselves) off as wannabe punks, they show their softer side beautifully with "God Makes the Rain." By the way, I was very pleased to see that they thank God in the liner notes, first! Ha, and you thought it was only DC Talk and R&B groups that did that. This is a disc to own if you want to enjoy very nineties music without imitation, self-glorification and other annoying factors.

Bone Thugs-n-Harmony — "The Art of War;" currently on sale $19.99, regular price $24.99

Well. Pay full price for this if you want to; listening to this was like listening to a slasher film set to rap music. I must give them credit. They are very talented. They just need new material. I personally don't want to spend over twenty bucks for a disc that has lyrics like "blow to the brain/thought you could hang." Thought they had reformed any? Those lyrics are from "Mind of a Souljah."

"Clog up Yo' Mind" begins with "this is for all you non-believers." Believers in what? I wonder. It is clear that they want to make an impact, but who knows what it is?

With songs like "Body Rott" and "Retaliation," one tends to think it's the latter I wish that they would remember that African-Americans make up only 12 percent of the population as it is— they can't afford to go killing every black man who offends them. By the way, their list of enemies has grown to list hillbilies as well as police officers.

Maybe if they spent more time finding new material and less time paying homage to long-dead Eazy-E, they could come up with a CD that normal people could listen to without making any excuses.

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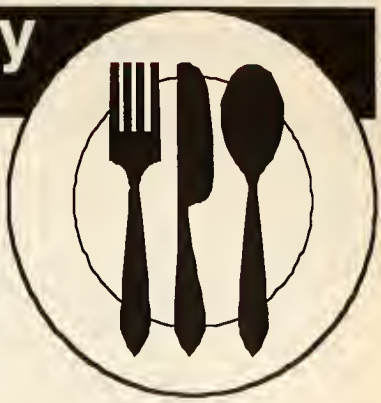


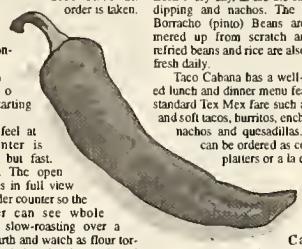
By Shelley Porter
Culinary Reporter

Taco Cabana's Mexican Patio Cafe is an inviting contender in the fight for the consumer food dollar. Taco Cabana features homemade "Tex Mex"-style cuisine, margaritas and beer at "fast food" speed and prices, served in a colorful, yet cozy, sit-down Mexican restaurant environment. It seems like the best of all dining worlds and it's close!

Taco Cabana has created a fun and inviting place to eat. The dining room houses a collection of brightly-colored Mexican tile-topped tables as well as a handful of enamel-topped tables that sport domestic and imported beer logos.

Brightly-colored patio lights are strung from the ceiling, and colorful, Southwestern decorations abound. Beer signs are everywhere— as murals on the walls, written in neon lights and on signs. The generous outdoor wrap-around patio offers plenty of outdoor seating.

The service at Taco Cabana is standard fast food-style counter service, with a service goal of two minutes once an order is taken.



The prices are reasonable, with combo meals starting at $2.99.

The feel at the counter is anything but fast, however. The open kitchen is in full view of the order counter so the customer can see whole chickens slow-roasting over a stone hearth and watch as flour tortillas are being hand-tossed and baked on a griddle. Jarritos-brand Mexican soft drinks are chilling on ice at the counter and samples of the food are on display under glass.

Taco Cabana makes almost everything on its menu on the premises. The hot and mild salsas on the salsa and chip bar are made fresh every day, as are the chips for dipping and nachos. The smoky Borracho (pinto) Beans are simmered up from scratch and the refried beans and rice are also made fresh daily.

Taco Cabana has a well-rounded lunch and dinner menu featuring standard Tex Mex fare such as hard and soft tacos, burritos, enchiladas, nachos and quesadillas. Items can be ordered as combos, platters or a la carte.

Taco Cabana is most well-known for its chicken and beef fajitas served on a sizzling iron skillet and its roast chicken served with rice, beans and tortillas. Both the fajitas and the chicken carry a heart emblem on the menu, indicating that they are lower in fat and cholesterol than the other menu items. In fact, the little heart appears beside menu items on almost every section of the menu.

Black beans are offered as a vegetarian alternative to the Borracho Beans and can be ordered in tacos, burritos and other items for vegetarian dining. Taco Cabana also has a breakfast menu with a Tex Mex twist to all the egg and meat dishes it offers.

Taco Cabana is only three to four miles from the IPFW campus, depending on the route you take. Taco Cabana is located at 301 E. Washington Center Road. The phone number is 471-8226 (TACO).

Hours are: Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m.— 11 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m.— 2 a.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.— 2 a.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.—11 p.m.

Hot on the web this week

By Gail Ruble Crawford
Features Editor

www.salliemae.com

Do you sometimes feel lost when dealing with mountains of financial aid information? Fear not— there is help! If you have Internet access, then you can get the closest thing possible to your own personal accountant— Financial Aid 101.

Financial Aid 101 can help make the confusing topic of how to pay for college more understandable. The site is part of Sallie Mae's larger site at www.salliemae.com. Sallie Mae owns and finances one in every three federally guaranteed student loans and is the nation's chief source of financing for higher education. This site is a tutorial and contains five lessons on various issues related to paying for college. The site was named one of the Internet's "25 Most Incredibly Useful Sites" by Yahoo! Internet Life. The site has also received a four-star rating by Magellen and a "Choice Site" citation from Starting Point.

www.fieldingtravel.com

Have a passion for travel? This site comes from the publishers of The World's Most Dangerous Places. Fielding Travel Guides publishes 58 travel guides that take you beyond the obvious, far from the tourists and straight into the heart and soul of adventure. A great place to start a journey into truly interesting places.

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'Dallas will fall,' so says the football prophet

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Head to head with Nol

Last week seemed to be a strange week for football, especially for us amateur odds-makers. No team truly stood out from the others. Green Bay and Dallas actually have worse records than Tampa Bay. Hey, the season is still early, but look for all three to be in the playoffs.

I barely hit .750 (9-6 for the season) with my picks last week. Hopefully I can do better this week. Do not count on me when you are actually laying bets with your bookie. I only offer these picks for amusement. Kind of like a human "Cherry Master."

Game(s) of the Week:

Buffalo at Kansas City
This game is about as good as the AFC gets (which isn't too much). Buffalo held off the Jets and K.C. came back in the last three seconds to take out the Raiders Monday evening.
Prediction: Buffalo by 3

Philadelphia at Dallas
Philly squeaked by the Pack and the Detmer led Eagles should be soaring over the 'Boys . . . and then again Princess Di could get the Nobel Peace Prize. Should be one of the better games
Upset of the week: Philadelphia by 4

Worth Watching:

Miami at Green Bay
Jimmie J. better have some tricks up his sleeve because the Pack should rebound big from their lackluster performance against the Eagles.
Prediction: Green Bay by 5

Tampa Bay at Minnesota
This interdivision rivalry used to mean nothing, but now, both teams are 2-0 and the winner will sit atop the heap of the NFC Central. Warrick Dunn will run over the Vikings defense that let the Bears score 24 points.
Prediction: Tampa Bay by 7

New York Jets at New England
What makes this game interesting, you should already know, is the side story with Bill Parcells against the team he coached to last year's Super Bowl.
Prediction: New England by 10

Arizona at Washington
Maybe the Cardinals can keep up the high they got Sunday night when they beat the Cowboys, but don't bet on it.
Prediction: Washington by 4

St. Louis at Denver
The Rams should not be a problem for Denver, especially at home. But Denver and Elway have a history of bailing against NFC teams. I guess that's only in the Super Bowl
Prediction: Denver by 8

May hold your attention:

Seattle at Indianapolis
The Colts should get their first win this week as they settle down for a visit from the Seahawks. The 'Hawks have little to build on and shouldn't be too much trouble, except for the Colts.
Prediction: Indianapolis by 2

Detroit at Chicago
Another NFC Central rivalry that ain't what it used to be. Wannastadt is still looking for his first W and will be doing so after this game.
Prediction: Detroit by 6

New Orleans at San Francisco
Ditka still has a giant goose egg in the win column because the Saints just can't hang with the Niners.
Prediction: San Francisco by 14

The rest of the field:

Baltimore at New York Giants
Yawn.
Prediction: Giants by 2

Carolina at San Diego
Who cares?
Prediction: Carolina by 3

Worst game of the week:

Oakland at Atlanta
Still no spinal injury for Jeff George but there's still hope for this week. The game is on artificial turf
Prediction: Oakland by 7

College football game of the week:
Arizona State at Miami, Fla.
Miami by 9

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Realignment not answer baseball's looking for

Dirty laundry: Tony Lau

There is a reason that Major League Baseball ranks third in terms of popularity behind football and basketball. Of course the reason is ignorance. Less than two years after the players and owners alienated everybody by throwing a tantrum over money and canceling the World Series for the first time since World War II they are on the path of destruction again

REALIGNMENT!! It hurts to even say it. With all of this talk and planning going on, Bud Selig and the other owners could eliminate both the American and National Leagues as we know them. No more chance of a "Subway Series" (Yankees and Mets), "Battle of Ohio" (Reds and Indians) or even the week of speculation on how the American League pitchers can bat or if a pinch hitter for the National League can bat on a regular basis. With this realignment plan, teams will be grouped into divisions based on their geographic location not their traditional leagues.

This criticism of realignment doesn't mean that there aren't some legitimate reasons for this planning One big one has to be money. Baseball doesn't do anything without thinking how it will lower costs for themselves not the fans. Travel costs are killing some of the small market teams like Milwaukee, Selig's team, and this is a way to cut costs.

The biggest reason is the need to try a new marketing strategy to regain fans. The largest age group in the population is children under10 and baseball is trying to reach them because the Baby Boomers have gotten old and started dying and playing golf Even though this plan may cost them some fans in the short run they feel that this will help them in the long term picture. Instead of realigning the leagues, I feel that Selig should realign his marketing department with some of the people who saved the NBA. Granted this department has to work with some of the biggest asses in the game (Albert "Let's go Trick or Treating" Belle and Roberto "Spit in your face" Alomar). There are some quality players: Cal Ripken Jr., Ken Griffey Jr. and Barry Larkin that could save the game. Just work with the players and see what can be accomplished because if this plan goes through, things couldn't get much worse!

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T.W.I.P. (This Week at IPFW) Notes

WOMENS VOLLEYBALL:

The Ladydons are showing that the preseason hype and expectations were well deserved after this weekend's success at the Sumner Suites Volleyball Tournament. After an impressive showing at a tournament in Minnesota where they compiled a 3-1 record, the Ladydons swept all four of their matches heading into this weekend where they play home matches against Southern Indiana on Friday and Kentucky Wesleyan and Ferris State on Saturday.

TENNIS:

Coach J. Webb Horton has to be happy with his womens tennis team. After last years record of 2-12 overall and 1-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC), the ladies have changed their losing ways and are becoming a force in tennis. The ladies have already doubled their wins by starting the season 4-1 and 3-0 in the GLVC. This week does have a very large test of their progress because of a tough match with Saint Joseph's.

CROSS COUNTRY:

The mens and womens cross country teams opened their season at the University of Southern Indiana. The mens team led by Adam Barton captured fifth place out of six teams at the invitational. The womens team performed well but could not post a team score due to a lack of runners on the team. Both teams will be competing this Saturday at home with the mens team running at 10 a.m. and the womens team starting at 10:45 a.m

SOCCER:

The mens soccer team opens its season this week on September 10 at 4 p.m. with a match against IUPU-Indianapolis.

Porch takes GLVC player of week

Dottie Porch was named the GLVC volleyball player of a week for the first season of competition. A middle hitter, Porch had 70 kills, 13 service aces, 33 digs, and nine blocks during the week of September 1-7. After eight matches she has led the team in kills in every match. She is averaging 4.87 kills per game and has 20 service aces thus far this season. Porch is a big force in the Mastodon's continued success at the Hillard Gates Sports Center where they have a 25 game home winning streak

Back from the 'dead'; Womens tennis on a tear

BY TONY LAUX
SPORTS EDITOR

J. Webb Horton must have thought he was in a nightmare during his first season here at IPFW. He was watching his tennis team go through a 2-12 season and finish 1-6 in the GLVC. Some coaches would have resigned themselves to a few years of "rebuilding" but not this coach He felt that taking a more aggressive approach would work and it did. Going into this week, Horton has resurrected this program into a force that is raising some eyebrows on campus and in the conference.

One of the biggest persons that helped was Pam Bowden, women's basketball head coach. No, she did not find an extra season of eligibility, but she did find out one of her basketball recruits was an All-State tennis player. Amy Bogard, IPFW's version of Deion Sanders, was being recruited for basketball by Coach Bowden and through her suggestion Horton convinced Bogard it was not time to hang up her racket. Two other key ingredients for this success were the signing of two recruits. All-NEC Dawn Caryer and All-SAC Jenna Harmeyer have been strong complements to the returning veterans of Melissa Hasler, Danielle English, and Becky Bermes.

The biggest surprise this season has to be walk-on Christina Pappe from Huntington North High School. Coach Horton described her as the wild card at the beginning because he didn't know how well she could play, but she has caught his attention along with her opponents whom she is beating with regularity

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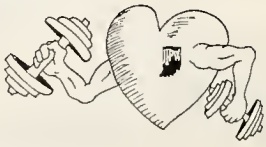

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